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SUBJECT: CSCE: SWISS PROPOSAL ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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SUMMARY. TURKISH REP ADVISED SPC APRIL 2 THAT ANKARA COULD GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS FOR CONSIDERING SWISS PROPOSAL UNDER ITEM ONE. DIFFERENCES REGARDING NEED FOR SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE TO STUDY SWISS PROPOSAL CONTINUED. IN VIEW GENERAL SUPPORT FOR US TEXT, CANADIAN REP ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED APPROACH SWISS. ITALIAN REP PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO US TEXT WHICH RECEIVED MIXED REACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO FRG REPORT AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL) TO EFFECT THAT SWISS HAD DECIDED NOT PRESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THEIR PROPOSAL AND ASKED WHETHER OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD INFORMATION ON THIS POINT. UK REP SAID HE UNDERSTOOD QUESTION WAS ONLY ONE OF TIMING AND THAT SWISS CONTINUED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSAL. IN FACT, HE SAID, SWISS HAD COMPLAINED AFTER MARCH 26 MINI- GROUP MEETING THAT THEIR

PROPOSAL WAS NOT RECEIVING ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO UK EVALUATION OF CURRENT SWISS POSITION.

2. TURKISH REP ADVISED THAT ANKARA HAD RECONSIDERED ITS POSITION AND COULD NOW JOIN ALLIED CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF DISCUSSING SWISS PROPOSAL UNDER AGENDA ITEM ONE. HE ADDED THAT ANKARA COULD SUPPORT US REVISION OF SWISS MANDATE AND HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ON QUESTION OF WHETHER SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE WAS NEEDED. ON LATTER POINT, BELGIAN REP REITERATED VIEW THAT SEAPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE WAS UNDESIRABLE FROM ALLIED POINT OF VIEW AND SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOWING TEXT BE ADDED AT END OF SUB- PARA (D) OF SWISS MANDATE FOR SUB- COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES: " IT WILL IN PARTICULAR FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND WILL SUBMIT A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE COMMITTEE." FRENCH REP POINTED OUT THAT BELGIAN TEXT WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THAT PROPOSED BY US. BELGIAN REP AGREED BUT ADDED THAT MAJOR POINT IN VIEW HIS AUTHORITIES WAS TO AVOID SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE. FRG REP SAID BONN HAD COME TO POSITION THAT SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE WAS DESIRABLE SINCE PUTTING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IN PRINCIPLES MANDATE WOULD LINK SUBJECT TOO CLOSELY WITH PRINCIPLES. NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED FRG POSITION AND FRENCH REP SAID IT APPEARED REASONABLE TO HIM. DRAWING ON STATE 59133, US REP ADVISED THAT WE COULD GO WITH MAJORITY ON THIS QUESTION.

3. ITALIAN REP SAID ROME WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO US REDRAFT OF SWISS MANDATE (STATE 59869) BUT BELIEVED THAT WORD " JUSTICIABLE" SHOULD BE ADDED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO WORD " DISPUTES" IN SENTENCE ONE. US REP SAID HE THOUGHT WE COULD SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.

4. CANDADIAN REP ASKED WHETHER US COULD AGREE TO APPROACH SWISS PRIVATELY ON REVISED MANDATE PROPOSAL. US REP SAID HE WOULD PASS SUGGESTION ON TO WASHINGTON AND HELSINKI.

5. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT FURTHER ALLIED DISCUSSIONS OF MANDATE FOR SWISS PROPOSAL WILL TAKE PLACE LARGELY IN HELSINKI. WHILE THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS IN SPC ON QUESTION CONFIDENTIAL

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OF SEPARATE SUB- COMMITTEE, THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT FINAL DECISION ON THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE LEFT TO ALLIED MPT DELEGATIONS. IT WAS ALSO GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT TIMING OF APPR

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